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SELECTED STORY.

ASLEEP AT HIS POST.

Mr. Owen, a pious farmer of Vermont, gave his eldest son, Benjamin, to the Federal cause, in the late fearful struggle—One day a message arrived, which fell like a thunderbolt upon the anxious yet hopeful family. The lad had been found asleep at his post, and was condemned to be shot.

The terrible news soon spread in the village, and, the minister, [a Mr. Allan,] came at once to see if it were possible to administer consolation to the heart-broken parents.

"Oh, sir!" cried the sorrowing old man, "such a dear, precious, noble boy! I thought when I gave him to his country that not a father in all this broad land made so precious a gift—no, not one. God forgive me if my grief is a sin, Mr Allan, the dear boy only slept a minute, just one little minute, at his post, I know that was all, for Bennie never dozed over a duty. How prompt and reliable he was!" And Mr Owen's eye wandered over the brown fields with such a perplexed wondering look. "I know he only fell off one little second, he was so young, and not strong, that boy of mine! Why he was as tall as I and only eighteen! and now they want to shoot him because he was found asleep when he was doing sentinel duty! Mr. Owen repeated these words very slowly, as if endeavoring to find out their true meaning. Twenty-four hours, the telegraph said, only twenty-four. Where is Bennie now?"

We will hope with his heavenly father, said Mr. Allan, soothingly.

Yes, yes, let us hope. God is very merciful, and Bennie was good—I do not mean holy, said he sharply correcting himself, "there is none holy, no, not one, but Jesus died for sinners. Mr. Allan, tell me that. O Bennie! The mother raised as she heard the name called, and turning said with a smile, Don't call so loud father. *Bennie* is not far off, he will come soon.

God laid his hand on them both, you see, said Mr. Owen, pointing to her, without making any direct reply. She has not been justly herself since. It is a merciful thing she is sort of stunned, it seems to me, she makes no wail!

Mr. Allan looked in astonishment at the bowed man, as he came now and stood before him. These few hours had done the work of years. The sinewy frame was tottering the eyes dimmed, and sudden sorrow had written itself in deep wrinkles all over his manly face. God have mercy on you, he is trying you in a furnace seven times heated, he exclaimed almost involuntarily.

The daughter a fair young girl—Blossom they called her—had sat near them listening with blanched cheek. She had not shed a tear to-day, and the terror in her face had been so very still, no one had noticed it. She had occupied herself mechanically in the household care, which her mother's condition devolved entirely upon her. Now she answered a gentler tap at the kitchen door, opening it to receive a letter from a neighbor's hand. It is from him, was all she said.

'Twas like a message from the dead.—Mr. Owen could not break the seal for his trembling fingers and held it towards Mr. Allan with the helplessness of a child.

The minister opened it, and, obedient to a motion from the father, read as follows.

"DEAR FATHER—When this reaches you I shall be in eternity. At first it seemed awful to me, but I have thought about it so much now it has no terror. They say they will not bind me nor bind me, but I may meet my death as a man. I thought, father, it might have been on the battle field for my country, and that when I fell it would be fighting gloriously, but to be shot down like a dog for nearly betraying it—to die for neglect of duty! O father I wonder the very thought does not kill me! But I shall not disgrace you I am going to write you all about it, and when I am gone you may tell my comrades. I can't now.

You know I promised Jemmy Carr's mother I would look after her boy, and when he fell sick I did all I could for him. He was not strong when he was ordered back into the ranks, and the day before that night I carried all his luggage, besides my own, on our march. Toward night we went in on double quick, and though the luggage, began to feel very heavy, every body else was tired too, and as for Jemmy if I had not lent him an arm now and then he would have dropped by the way. I was all tired out when we came into camp, and then it was Jemmy's turn to be sentry, and I would take his place, but I was too tired, father. I could not have kept awake if I had had a gun at my head, but I did not know it until—well, until it was too late!

God be thanked! interrupted Mr. Owen, reverently. I knew Bennie was not the boy to sleep carelessly at his post.

They tell me to-day that I had a short reprieve given to me by the circumstances time to write to you, our good colonel says. Forgive him, father, he only does his duty, he would gladly save me if he could, And don't lay my death against Jemmy. The poor boy is broken-hearted and does nothing but beg and entreat them to let him die in my stead.

I can't bear to think of mother and Blossom. Comfort them father. Tell them I die as a brave boy should, and tell them that when the war is over they will not be ashamed of me as they must be now. God help me! it is very hard to bear! Good bye, father, God seems near and dear to me, not all as if he wished me to perish forever, but as if he felt sorry for his poor sinful, broken-hearted child, and would take me to be with him and my Savior in a better, better life."

A great sob burst from Mr. Owen's heart "Amen, he said, solemnly, "Amen:

To-night in the early twilight I shall see the cows all coming home from pasture. Daisy, and Brindle, and Bet, old Billy, too, will neigh from his stall, and precious little Blossom stand waiting for me, but I shall never, never come. God bless you all! forgive your poor Bennie!

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Late that night the door opened softly, and a little figure glided out and down the footpath that led by the mill. She seemed rather flying than walking, turning her head neither to the right nor to the left; starting not as the moon sketched queer, fantastic shapes at, then around her looking only now and to heaven, and folding her hands as if in prayer.

Two hours later the same young girl stood at the mill Depot, watching the coming of the night train, and the conductor, as he reached down to lift her in, wondered at the sweet, tear stained face that was turned toward the dim lantern he held in his hand.

A few questions and ready answers told him all, and no father could have cared more tenderly for his own child than he for our little Blossom.

She was on her way to Washington to ask President Lincoln for her brother's life. She had stolen away, leaving only a note to tell her father where and why she had gone. She had brought Bennie's letter with her, no good heart like the President's could refuse to be melted by it,

The next morning they reached New York and the conductor found suitable company for Blossom and hurried her to Washington. Every minute might be a year in her brother's life.

And so in an incredibly short time Blossom reached the capital, and was hurried at once to the White House. The President had just seated himself to his mornings task of overlooking and signing important papers, when without one word of announcement, the door softly opened, and Blossom, with downcast eyes, stood before him.

Well my child, he said in his pleasant cheery tones, "what do you want so bright and early in the morning?

Bennie's life! please sir! faltered out Blossom.

"Bennie? who is Bennie?

My brother, sir. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post.

Oh yes, and Mr. Lincoln ran his eyes over the papers before him, I remember It was a fatal sleep. Thousands of lives might have been lost to his culpable negligence.

So my father said, said Blossom, gravely. "But poor Bennie was so tired sir, and Jemmy was so weak. He did the work of two, sir and it was Jemmy's night, not his, but Jemmy was too tired and Bennie never thought about himself that he was too tired.

What is this you say, child? come here I don't understand, and the kind man caught eagerly, as ever, at what seemed to be a justification of an officer

Blossom went to him, he put his hand tenderly on her shoulder, and turned up her pale, anxious face towards his. How tall he seemed, and he was President of the United States, too! A dim thought of this kind passed for a moment thought Blossom's mind, but she told her story simply and straight forward, and handed Mr. Lincoln Bennie's letter to read.

He read it cheerfully, then taking up his pen, wrote a few hasty lines, and rang his bell

Blossom heard the order given.—

Send this dispatch at once.

The President then turned to the girl and said, Go home, my child, and tell that father of yours, who could approve of his country's sentence, even when it took the life of a child like that, that Abraham Lincoln thinks the life far too precious to be lost. Go back, or—wait until to morrow, Bennie will need change after he has so bravely faced death, he shall go with you.

God bless you sir, said Blossom, and who shall doubt that God heard and registered that request?

Two days after this interview the young soldier came to the White House with his little sister. He was called into the President's private room, and a strap fastened upon the shoulder, Mr. Lincoln said, that could carry a sick comrade's baggage, and die for the act so uncomplaining. Then Bennie and Blossom took their way to the Green Mountain home, and a crowd gathered at the Mill Depot to welcome them back, and farmer Owen's head towered above them all, and as his hand grasped that of his boy, Mr. Allan heard him say fervently as the holiest blessing he could pronounce upon his child—"Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

That night Daisy, and Brindle, and Bet came lowing home from pasture, for they heard a well known voice calling them at the gate, and Bennie, as he pats his old pets and looks lovingly in their great brown eyes, catches through the still evening air his puritan father's voice, as he repeats to his happy mother these jubilant words—"Fear not for I am with thee; I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west, I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Keep not back, bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth, even every one that is called by name, for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him, yea, I have made him."

An Editor.

A very eminent and successful English writer, who has spent a lifetime on the columns of a newspaper, says: "A good editor, a competent newspaper conductor, is like a general or a poet—born, not made.—Exercise and experience give facility, but the qualification is innate, or is never manifested On the London papers all the great historians, novelists, poets essayists and the writers of travels have been tried, and nearly every one has failed. 'I can,' said the late editor of the London Times, 'find any number of men of genius to write for me, but very seldom one of common sense.' Nearly all successful editors find this true. A good editor seldom writes much for his paper; he reads; judges, selects, dictates, alters and combines, and to do all this he has but little time for composition. To write for a paper is one thing, edit a paper is another."

Definition of Characters.

Fine Fellow—The man who advertises in our paper, the man who never refuses to lend you money, and the rich old fellow who is courting your sister.

Genteel People—The young lady who lets her mother do all the ironing for fear of spoiling on a rainy day, and the young gentleman who is ashamed to be seen walking with his father.

Industrious People—The fat man in an omnibus, a tall man in a crowd, and a short man on a parade.

Timid People—A lover about to pop the question, a man who does not like to shot at, and a steamboat captain with a case of cholera on board.

Dignified Men—A midshipman on quarter deck, a cit in a country town, school committee on examination day, dry goods clerks, and beginners in law.

Persecuted People—Women by that tyrant, man; boys by their parents and teachers, and all poor people by society at large.

Unhappy People—Old bachelors and old maids.

Ambitious Chaps—The writer who pays the magazine for inserting his communication, the politician who quits his party because he cannot get into office, and the boy who expects to be President.

Humble Person—The husband who does his wife's churning, the wife who blacks her husband's boots, and the man who thinks you do him much honor.

Kissing as is Kissing.

A lady friend says the first time she was kissed, she felt like a tub of roses swimming in honey, cologne, nutmegs, cranberries. She felt also as if something was running through her nerves on feet of diamonds, escorted by several little cupids in chariots drawn by angles, shaded by honeysuckles, and the whole spread with melted rainbows That's the kind of kisses we give our sweetheart.

THE STAR.

J. B. CARPENTER,
EDITOR.

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Registration.

Believing that our people are much interested in this important subject we propose to again make a few suggestions in connection with what we said some time since in regard to the matter. It is now understood, from Gen, Miles' order, which we published in our last issue, that the recommendations of the board of registration must be made through Gen. Miles, he with other officers of the Bureau are, we believe from our own knowledge, doing everything they can to have men appointed who are truly loyal, men who have not just become so but men who were loyal at the begining of the war, during the war, and who are now loyal. To do this will take time, for Gen, Miles and his subordinate officers are not acquainted in the various localities of the State and will be liable to be imposed upon if they should act hastily in making recomendations, for be it known that of all parties that ever existed the Rebs of the South have the most ways of practicing deception, this we think would be a sufficient reason for delaying the appointments, but another and stronger reason suggests itself, why great care should be taken in the selection.—We made two signal failures in restoring ourselves to the Union, first, by refusing to accept the President's policy, and secondly, by our legislatures refusing to ratify the Howard Amendment, we have now the third opportunity in the shape of the Sherman bill, a failure to accept this may prove fatal to the whole South, and Union men of the South may by the failure suffer as poor Tray did, for no other reason than being in bad company. We therefore appeal to Gen. Miles to appoint no man on the boards of registration who can not show a pure and loyal record, not for a few months, but for all time heretofore, let all appointees be loyal men, let loyalty be rewarded in the South, and then perhaps disloyalty will not command the premium which it has in the management of our local matters lately, and we respectfully suggest to our Union friends to make selections of their truest and best Union men, have their loyalty properly vouched for, by such men as are known to be all right, and send them to Gen. Miles, and our word for it, if carefully attended to throughout the State, Restoration is not far distant. Congress desires the seceded States to present themselves in a loyal attitude, will we continue to act to the contrary? It is to be hoped that we will act right.

Fair Warning.

All of our subscribers who have not paid us their subscription to the STAR are by our published terms due us $3, but if they will take advantage of our need of money they may save a dollar by calling and paying us $4 for volume 1 and 2 this will give them a fair chance, and at the same time help us.

This offer will remain open only until and during the week of County Court in June. Those who fail must expect to pay according to our published rates.—We will receive in payment at market prices, Corn, Bacon, Lard, and other marktble produce.

Those who have paid us for the first volume of the Star, will be considered as wishing to continue their subscription, unless we are otherwise notified.

The Reply.

The Union REGISTER quotes our article, concerning that paper, in full and comments on the same at some length, without touching the subject under discussion. We hope we have shown the Register the error of its ways, and that it will cease its attacks upon the men who ushered the Republican party into existence in this State, when at the same time, the platform as set forth by that party is not assailed at all. There are but two parties in this country: one is for the Union, the other for anything but the Union. Which does the *Register* belong to?

Republicans Coming South.

We are reliably informed that several prominent Republicans from the North will make a tour through the Southern States in a month or two, for the purpose of addressing the people and aid in strengthening and organizing the Republican party throughout the Southern States. Hon. Wm. D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Hon. John A. Logan, of Illinois, and other leading men will be among these who come South. In behalf of the Republicans of this part of the State, we cordially welcome these and all gentlemen who are known to be friends of Union Liberty and Equality.

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The Monitor,

We have received the first number of a very neat little *paper*, bearing the above title, "for circulation among the colored population" and claiming to be "the Freedman's paper", we regret that we cannot recommend the Monitor to our colored friends, as we feel it would be an insult to their loyalty to recommend to them a paper, the first number of which contains endorsements of speeches made by Messrs. Worth, Battle and Gales, at Raleigh on the 22d of April.

The Monitor copies Gov. Worth's speech and also several extracts from papers calculated to injure the Republican party in this State, this we consider sufficient evidence of the position of the paper.

Body Found,

Mr. John Petty who was drowned at Island Ford, on the 20th ult., was not found until Thursday the 10th inst. He had washed down the river about one mile and a half, and although diligent search was made was not found until the time above mentioned.

Jeff, Davis,

We clip the following particulars of the release of Mr. Davis from the Charlotte Guardian. We are glad he has been released, and have no doubt but that he would have been released sooner if the South had not been so rampant:

RICHMOND, May 13.—The United States Court was packed this morning—A military guard was placed around it and a strong police force inside.

At 11 o'clock, Mr Davis was brought in and took a seat with Gen. Burton and the Marshal. A servant accompanied him.

Gen. Burton's return of the writ was read, and the Judge complimented Gen. Burton, in obeying the laws, and relieved him of the custody of Mr. Davis. The Marshal immediately served on him a bench warrant, to answer the Norfolk indictment.

Mr O'Connor spoke of Mr Davis' long confinement and feeble health, and asked that he be bailed. There being no opposition upon the part of the prosecution who fixed the bail at $100,000 the Judge announced his readiness to accept the bail, stating, at the same time, that the responsibility of the delay in bringing Mr.. Davis' case into Court, rested upon the Government not upon the District Attorney. He also said that half the bail should be given by persons residing in the State of Virginia.

The sureties came forward,—Horace Greeley being among the first followed by Mr Schell, of New York, Mr. Jackman, of Philadelphia, and others.

A number of gentleman residing in Virgina offered their names as bail.

Strike The Knot.

"Strike the knot!" said a gentleman to his son, who, tired and weary, was leaning on his axe over a log which he had been trying to cleave. Then, looking at the log, the gentleman saw how the boy had hacked and chipped all around the knot without hitting it. Taking the axe, he struck a few sharp blows on the knot, and split the log without difficulty. Smiling, he returned the axe to his son, saying—

"Always strike the knot!

That was good advice. It is good for you my children, as it was for the boy to whom it was first given. It is a capital maxim to follow when you are in trouble. Have you a hard sum to do at school! Have you got to face a difficulty? Are you leaving home to live for the first time among strangers? Strike the knot! Look your trouble in the eye, as the bold lion hunter looks in the face of a lion. Never shrink from a painful duty, but step right up to it and do it. Yes, strike the knot! Strike the knot, boys and girls, and you will always conquer your difficulties.—S. S. Advocate.

A lady, during the past season, told her new "help" that they would have the cucumbers that had just come from the market, for tea, giving directions about peeling and slicing them. At the supper table, a queer odor came from the tea urn, and a queer liquid trickled from its nose. "Bridget," said the lady, "what is the matter with the tea?" "Indade, mem, was the reply, "I think is must be the cowcumbies." "The cucumbers," screamed the lady, "what do you mean?" "Why you told me' mem;" said Bridget somewhat surprised "you told me have 'em for tay, and fair I put 'em in the taypot."

For the Star.

MR. EDITOR:

Will you allow an old soldier of the Rebel Army a small space in your paper,—one who wishes to say a few things and ask perhaps a few questions. At the commencement of the war I was an uncompromising Rebel, and voted for secession in '61. The same year I volunteered, and while a soldier, up to the very day of the surrender, I advocated the cause in which I was engaged by word and action, (unlike SOME, and you will not find them a scarce article in your Village, who almost exhausted themselves shouting for the Confederacy AT HOME, but who were very careful not to shoulder a musket and face the music in the army.) Notwithstanding I was warm for the cause I disapproved of many of the laws imposed by Congress, the Conscript, and Tithe laws, for instance. In '63 and '64 a great many of our best citizens were holding public meetings, Peace meetings as they were termed, gotten up for the purpose of effecting a peace with the general Government, Reconstruction was no doubt the aim of the leaders of this move,—we understood their intentions, and did all we could by threats and otherwise to prevent their success. If they could have over-ruled us in this move, we would have been without doubt better off, yes ten-fold better off, than we are to-day. If these same men could have controlled the destiny of the old North State since the surrender, we might now been resting in peace beneath the flag of Washington! But, alas for us! what is our condition! We are still out of the Union and under the strong arm of the Military. Now, *Mr.* Editor, who is responsible for the present state of affairs? I am willing to acknowledge that the original secessionists brought on the war. but we who voted for secession in '61 are not alone responsible for the long continuance of the struggle, and the present condition of our country. After two years of fighting a great many of the old Union men fell into the rebel ranks, and advocated the "last man and the last dollar" system. These "latter day war saints" did more to delay Reconstruction than the "original secessionists." They weakened the ranks of the Union men and swelled the power of the secession party, and after the surrender 'twas their hypocritical pretensions to Union principles that puzzled and misled the people, and caused the rejection of the Howard Amendment, and now they stand foremost in the ranks that cast their bitter denunciations at Congress. If these men had been true to their allegiance during the trying hours of '63 and '64,—if they had put their shoulders to the wheel and helped with all their might their more honest brothers, instead of cowardly deserting them when the clouds of adversity began to grow thicker, how many a poor soldier who has fallen a victim to the false doctrine of secession, might now have been making glad the hearthstone of his family at home.

Among this class of back-sliders we find provisional Governor Jonathan Worth and followers. When I laid down my musket I did it in good faith, with the honest intention of quietly submitting to any legislation on the part of the conqueror which he might see fit to enact. But alas! for my good resolutions, the old rebelious fire had not been quenched, as I thought, judging others by myself; it began again to sparkle here and there, encouraged by the lenancy on the part of the government of the United States, it soon swelled to a respectable flame,—(I mean in size,) and I was awakened from my peaceful delusions, and called upon to fall into ranks and give the Government another blow. While I blush to confess it I must here state that I supported Joseph L. Carson for the Convention and Worth for Governor in '65.—Again I saw the folly of my conduct, and once more resolved to act in good faith towards the Government of the United States,—but again on the approach of the election I was roused from my honest slumbers, and once more yielded to the persuasions of my rebel friends, at least partially, I did not have the courage to come out in a new SUIT, but I did slip on a new vest and voted for Gen. Logan, I left my coat to M. O. Dickerson and threw my BREECHES to that fellow from Cleveland, I've forgotten his cognomen, John R— I believe. By the way my wife says I shall have a new suit next time—TRUE BLUE.

We are soon to have another Convention for the purpose of forming a new Constitution for the State. Whom should we select for delegates? Men who have had the moral courage to stand firm against the influence of the war party in our old State, such men as Gen. G. W. Logan and Col. C. L. Harris, who advocated the adoption of the Howard Amendment in the Legislature of North-Carolina. Men who opposed that measure should not now be chosen as delegates to the coming Convention, it is to our interest, the interest of the State, and that of the nation that we send true Republican Union men, men in whom the Government has confidence. If we do this I am persuaded that all will be well, and I appeal to all my old political friends, to place themselves on back seats, and I will meet you there, and we will stand as spectators, while the true sons of the Union replace the stones, which our disobedient hands have torn from that noble edifice which our wise forefathers built for our protection.

CONVALESCENT.

THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CORRECT.—Some days since we questioned the correctness of a statement made by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States, that no stamp duties were now required on writs. Since then we learn that the section of the Internal Revenue Act requiring stamps on all legal documents, has been repealed by act of Congress of March 21, 1867. Neither are stamps now required on letters of administration or letters testamentary, or guardians where the real and personal estate does not exceed in value one thousand dollars. This may be regarded as reliable, as the information was furnished us by an eminent lawyer after due investigation.

—At Morganton, in the Superior Court for Burke county, James C. McKesson, charged with having killed Robert Tate, was found guilty of manslaughter. Abram Smith and son Daniel charged with the murder of Caswell, where tried, Abram Smith was found guilty of the murder and sentenced to be hanged the first Friday in May. His counsel, however, took an appeal. Very little business on the civil docket was disposed of.

—The Deparment at Washington has received information of an attack by the Indians in Arizona upon two teams belonging to a resident of La Haz and the killing of two drivers and one of the travelers of the party and the wounding of two others. A war of extermination it is said has since been commenced against the Indians of that Territory

—Georgia and Alabama papers are calling upon General Pope to issue and order, similar to that of General Sickles in the Carolinas, for the relief of the people in staying the collection of debts. They say that an order of the kind would afford relief, and be acceptable to the great mass of the people of Alabama and Georgia.

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—The $800,000 of gold which the California mines have produced in the last eleven years would weight 1 327 tons, and occupy a space 12 by 15 feet, and 12 feet 4 inches high.

—The St. Louis board of health expect to spend $165 000 during the ensuing year, (exclusive of street cleaning) in order to keep the city in a healthful condition.

MARRIED.

In the city of Raleigh, on the 5th inst. by Rev. H. T Hudson, Mr. J. C. BIRDSONG; of Petersburg, Va., and Miss OPHELIA C. CROCKER, of Raleigh.

We hope he will ever be a pretty Bird and that she will sing her sweetest songs for her *Bird*. J. C. L. H.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

MITCHELL & SUTTLE,
NEW FIRM!
NEW GOODS!!!

THE Undersigned having formed a copartnership for the purpose of carrying on the Mercantile business in Rutherfordton are now receiving a fresh supply of Goods from New York, consisting of Dry Goods, Hats, Boots and Shoes, Crockery-ware, Hardware, Groceries and Confectioneries, which they offer for sale at low prices for cash or country produce.

H. H. MITCHELL,
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BRENIZER, KELLOGG & PETERS,
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Buying Rates for Southern Bank Notes.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Bank of N.Carolina	45	Bank of Thomasvill	45
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Bank of Charlotte	33	Bank of Clarendon	3
Bank of Lexington	9	Bank of Yanceyville	6
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Bank of Roxboro'	45	Farmers' Bank of Greensboro'	25
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COMMISSIONERS OF CLAIMS.

The undersigned, appointed and Commissioned by His Excellency the Governor, under an act of Assembly, ratified on the 4th, March 1867, "to investigate all claims against the State on account of any debt or obligation created during the late war, with power to take testimony, administer oaths, send for person and papers, and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to enable them to distinguish between debts created for war purposes, and to report the same to the next session of the General Assembly"—will commence their labors at the Capitol, in Raleigh, on Monday, the 6th May prox.

All persons holding claims so to be investigated, are hereby notified to present the same

J. C. HARPER,
R. H. BATTLE,
H. W. HUSTED. } Commissioners

Raleigh, April 30, 1867. no. 49.

Cheap Printing Paper,
To Editors And Publishers.

Letter from W. G. Clark, esq.,
President of The Southern Press Association

ATLANTA, GA: April 16, 1867

J. S. Thrasher, Esq., —Dear Sir: It affords me much pleasure to communicate to you the following resolution of the Southern Press Association:

Resolved That as a testimonial of our appreciation for the zealous, faithful and effective service of John S. Thrasher, Esq. a Superintendent of this Association, in years past we hereby tender him the complimentary position of Agent of the Southern Press in the City of New York.

The terms of commendation employed in the above resolution do no more than justice to your important services during your Superintendency-service which none had better opportunity to know, and none can more highly appreciate than myself. Should occasion require, I shall be glad to avail myself of the aid provided for by the resolution.

Very respectfully your obedient ser't
W. G CLARK, President.

Notice.

I Would respectfully request every Daily, Tri-Weekly, Semi-Weekly, Weekly and Monthly Journal, South of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, and the 36th deg. 30 min. parallel of latitude West of the Mississippi, to publish this advertisement twice, and send to me at New York, each time, a copy of the paper containing it, post paid, with bill for same.

It is desirable, in my combinations to procure cheaper printing paper for Southern journals, that I shall have the fullest information regarding the sizes of paper used by the several publications, and I can procure it no other way than by requesting particular attention to the need of sending copy of the publication with thier bill for the same

I desire it sent twice to provide against mail failures, and that they be post-paid to secure post office delivery.

J. S. THRASHER,
50-2t Box 2,929 New Yok,

EGYPTIAN CORN.—This remarkable corn was obtained from Egypt by F. E. G. LINDSAY, of Washington county, Virginia, the Spring of 1865. he sent me a package of twelve grains by mail, for $5. I have been very careful to cultivate it separate and at a distance from other varieties It riens earlier that any other corn, weight 65 pounds to the bushel puts out suckers at the ground which bring ears, bring from five to fifteen ears from one grain or one stalk, and sometimes as many as 30; is more nutritious than other varieties, on fertile land producing 150 bushel to the acre will bring two crops on the same land in the South, and maturing so early that it may successfully be cultivated, in every State.

I am now ready distribute it throughout the United States by Mail on the following terms:—One package, $1. To clubs of $5, 10 packages to one address. To clubs sending $10, 30 packages, and $25, 100 packageg, address

J. C LOVE,
Keysville, Va.

P. S.—Any newspaper copying the above advertisement and this P. S. and sending me the paper shall have two packages of this corn sent at once to the proprietor.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
McDowell County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Spring Terms, 1867.

Dr. J. H, Gilkey vs Nathaniel Cuthbertson } Original Attachment levied upon Land

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Nathaniel Cuthbertson, the defendant in this case, is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Rutherford Star, a news pape published in Rutherfordton, for six weeks, notifying the defendant Nathaniel Cuthbertson, to appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for said County, at the Court House in Marion, on the 3rd monday in June next, then and there to answer plead or demur to plaintiff's complaint or judgment pro confesso will be entered against him for plaintiff's demand and the Land levied upon condemned to sale for the satisfaction of the same.

Witness Alfred M. Finley clerk of said court at office on the 4th Monday in March, 1867.

ALFRED M. FINLEY C. C. CLERK.
no. 49.—6t.

Wanted! Wanted!!

WALNUT, Cherry, Poplar and Pine lumber, for which I will pay the Market
PHILLIP SEAGEL,
9, 1867. no. 36-tf.

Preserve Your Teeth!!
DR. B. H. PADGETT,

(A Regular Graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Science,)
HAS REMOVED TO RUTHERFORDTON, where he will continue the practice of his Profession in all its branches—and at reasonable prices. He has made himself familiar with the late improvements in Dentistry, and hopes by honesty and faithfulness in the performance of every operation intrusted to his care, to give entire satisfaction. Terms cash. A limited quantity of corn, flour and bacon taken in exchange for work.
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WESTERN STAR LODGE,
NO. 91. A. F. M.

MEETS regularly in their Hall in Rutherfordton, on the 4th Monday night in each Month and Tuesday night of Court weeks. Transient brethren invited to attend.

J. L. RUCKER, W. M.
J. B. Carpenter, Sec't'y Pro tem.

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A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the receipe and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured. Sufferes wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addessing, in perfect confidence, JOHN B. OGDEN, 24 Ceder Street: New work.
no. 48. 1y.

AGENTS WANTED,

IN EVERY COUNTY of North and South Carolina, to Canvass and sell LLOYD'S NEW DOUBLE MAP OF NORTH AMERICA on the face, and a COUNTY MAP OF THE UNITED STATES on the back—covering 24 square feet of muslin, with rollers, &c,—Other agencies can be obtained if desired. Agent make from five to twenty dollars per day, Address **Warren R. Marshall,**
40-3m General Agent Lloyd's Map,
Columbia S. C.

Bibles! Bibles!
TESTAMENTS!!

THE Rutherford Bible Society have now on hand a large lot of Bibles and Testaments various kinds and prices, at H, H. Mitchell's Store. The friends of the Bible are requested to aid in its dissemination,

T. B JUSTICE, President.
H, H, MITCHELL, Sec'y.

TO CONSUMPTIVES,

The advertiser, having restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption—is anxious to make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge) with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, COUGHS, COLDS; all Throat and Lung Affections, The only object of the advertiser in sending the Prescription to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he conceives to be invaluable, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing. Parties wishing the prescription, FREE, by return mail, will pleas address

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$90 A MONTH!—AGENTS waanted for six entirely new articles, just out address O. F. GAREY, City Building Biddeford, Main, no6—1y

$1,500 PER YEAR! we wa Agents everywhere to se our IMPROVED $20 Sewing Machines Three new kinds. Under and upper feed. Sent on trial. Warranted five years Above salary or large commissions paid. The ONLY machines sold in the United States for less than $40 which are fully licensed by Howe, Wheeler & Wilson, Grover & Baker, Singer & Co., nd Bachelder. All other cheap machines are infringements and the seller or user are liableto arrests, fine and imprisonment. Illustrated circulars sent free. Address, or call upon Shaw & Clark, at Biddeford, Maine, or Chicago Ill., no6—1y.

New Firm, New Goods.
AT THE POST-OFFICE.
M'Arthur & Carpenter,

TAKE this method of announcing to their friends and the public generally that they have just received, and offer for sale at reasonable rates

Hats, Shoes, Prints, Domestics, Hoop-Skirts, Tape, Collars, Thread, Neck-Ties, Combs, Buttons, Pins, Needles, &c., &c., &c.
ALSO
Sugar, Coffee, Salt, Rice, Fish, Ginger, Pepper, Spice, Soda, Powder, Lead, Shot, Percussion Caps, Plates, Cups and Saucers,

and many other articles, which we will charge nothing to show.

Give us a call and bring with you your **Corn, Bacon, Lard, Clean Cotton and Linen Rags, &C.,** and we will give you the market price.
March 2tf.

Wholesale & Retail
HOUSE,
AT
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

THE Undeasigned, well known to several Merchants of Rutherford County, respectfully inform all engaged in Merchandize, that they are receiving a complete, and well assorted Spring Stock, consisting of DRY GOODS in all its branches.

CLOTHING,
GROCERIES,
SHOES & BOOTS,
LEATHER,
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&c., &c.

together with a good many other articles all of which they will sell as low as can be sold.

Our Store is on the right hand side of the Street leading from the Square to the Court House, and is the first Dry Goods Store on that side of the street.

Give us a call and satisfy yourself.

WITTKOWSKY & RINTELS.
March 16, 1867. no 41-tf.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA. Rutherford County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, March Term, 1867.

W. L. Mitchell vs C. Bechtler, A. Bechtler, } Attachment Levied on House and Lot.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that C. Bechtler and A. Bechtler, the defendants in this case, are non residents of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Rutherford Star a newspaper published in Rutherfordton, for six weeks notifying the said defendants to appear at the next term of said Court, to be held for said county, at the Court House in Rutherfordton, on the 3rd Monday in June next, and plead to plaintiff's action or Judgment final will be taken and the lands levied on sold to satisfy plaintiff's demand.

Witness, J. B. Eaves, Clerk of said court at office in Rutherfordton the 3nd Monday in March, 1867, J. B. EAVES, C. C. C.
no. 44—6t

State of North-Carolina } Rutherford County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Session March Term, 1867.

S. P. Pinner & Mary A. J. Pinner vs The Heirs of Eli Gross, Dec. } Probate of Will.

IT appearing that Hoyal Gross, P. H. Gross Leander Gross John Gross and the heirs of Henry Gross and Andrew Gross are heirs of the said Eli Gross, dec'd, they are therefore notified to appear at next term of said court, to be held at the Court-House in Rutherfordton on the 2nd Monday in June next, to plead, answer or demur to said proceedings or judgment *pro confesso* will be taken and the Will be admitted to probate

Witness, J. B. Eaves, clerk of said Court at office in Rutherfordton on the 3d Monday in March 1867.

J. B. Eaves Clerk.

State of North-Carolina } Rutherford County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions March Term, 1867.

Wm. Bridgman, vs G. W. Peak. } Attachment Levied on Land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that G. W. Peak, the defendant in this case, is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Rutherford Star, a newspaper published in Rutherfordton, for six weeks, notifying the said defendant to appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for said County, at the Court House in Columbus, on the 1st Monday in June next, and plead to plaintiff's action or judgment final will be taken and the land levied on and sold to satisfy the plaintiff's demands.

Witness, G. B. Sanders, clerk of said court at office, the 2nd Monday in March, A. D. 1867, G. B. SANDERS, C. C. C.
no. 44—6t.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA. Rutherford County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, March Term, 1867.

C, J. Sparks, Adm'r of W. M. Culbreth, dec'd, vs Artie Culbreth & others } Petition to sell Land to constitute assets.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants Artie Culbreth, Amanda Culbreth, Wm, Culbreth, John Culbreth, and Jane Culbreth are non-residents of this State. It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Rutherford Star for six weeks notifying said defendants to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for said county, at the Court House in Rutherfordton, on the 2d Monday in June next, then and there to plead answer or demur to the petition in this case or Judgment pro confesse will be entered and the petition heard Ex parte as to them.

Witness, J. B. Eaves, clerk of said court at office in Rutherfordton, the 3d Monday in March, 1867, J. B. EAVES, Clerk.

State of North-Carolina. Rutherford county.

Superior Court of Law, Spring Term 1867

A. E Prince vs D M Prince } Petition for Divorce

IT appeaing to the satisfaction of the court that D M Prince the defendant in this case is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Rutherford Star, a newspaper published in Rutherfordton, for six weeks notifying said defendant to be and appear at the next term of said Court to be held for said county at the court house in Rutherfordton on the 3d monday in Sept next, then and there to answer the premises in this case or it will be heard *exparte* as to him.

Witness J. B. Carpenter clerk of said court at office in Rutherfordton the 3d monday in March 1867.

J. B. CARPENTER S. C. Clerk.

State of North-Carolina, Rutherford county.

Superior Court of Law Spring Term 1867.

Isaac M. McAbee, vs Lucy McAbee. } Petition for Divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Lucy McAbee, the defendant in this case, is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Rutherford Star, a newspaper published in Rutherfordton, for six weeks notifying said defendant to be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held for said county, at the court house in Rutherfordton, on the 3d Monday in Sept. next, then and there to answer to the premises in this case or it will be heard *exparte* as to him

Witness J. B Carpenter clerk of said court at office in Rutherford on the 3d Monday March 1867.

J. B CARPENTER S. C. Clk.

State of North-Carolina. Rutherford county

SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW. SPRING TERM. 1867

S. M Crow vs C. Crow } Petition for Divorce

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that C. Crow the defendant in this case is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Rutherford Star, a newspaper published at Rutherfordton, for six weeks notifying said defendant to be and appear at the next term of said Court to be held for said county at the court house in Rutherfordton on the 3d monday in Sept. next then and there to answer the premises in this case or it will be heard *exparte* as to him.

Witness J. B. Carpenter clerk of said court at office in Rutherfordton the 3d monday in March 1867.

J. B. CARPENTER S. C. Clerk.

POETS CORNER.

[Written for the Star]

FLOWERS WITHOUT FRUIT.

BY "LETARE."

"O pity and shame, that they, who to live well
Entered so fair, shall turn aside to tread
Paths indirect, or in the midway faint!"
MILTON.

With lightsome heart, the youth at morn
Of life begins the way;
Smooth in the path; the future's page
Reveals no darker day.

His hands are not yet stained with crime,
His heart is free from vice,
And gentle angels sweetly smile
Upon him from the skies.

How high the hopes of good men rise!
And how their hearts rejoice
To think that for the cause of right
They soon shall hear his voice.

But now the Evil One employs
His utmost, to bring
This high toned, pure, and noble heart
Down to a worthless thing.

Evil companions now pursuade
His feet from duty's path;
And lead his hesitating steps
Down—down—the ways of death.

And vice creeps slowly—slowly on;
And pleasure wins a part;
And spotless innocence, and truth,
Forsake his darkened heart.

And heavenly virtue slowly leaves
Her high and holy seat
Within his soul; and conscience now
No longer guides his feet.

And demons, from the pit of death
Enter his heart, and tear
With fiendish joy, the pure and good,
Which they find lingering there.

In vain he strives to stay the tide—
In vain seek pleasures path;
A current which he cannot stem
Still bears him down to death.

Thus, downward sinks the erring youth
(As all the erring must,)
Until his soul returns to God—
His body to the dust.

And friends perchance, (if friends he has)
Will sigh that hopes so bright,
And prospects which once shown so fair
Went down in starless night.

Oh had he never stooped to seek
The fleeting joys of sin,
Or taste of vice's poisonous sweets
What could he not have been.

But virtue, stern, approves his doom;
'Tis spoken from on high
(And he forgot the warning voice)
"The soul that sins shall die."

Oh, reader! do you seek a home
Beyond the starry skies?
Take not ONE STEP from virtue's path
Or you may never rise.

For once departed from the way,
Forbidden things to learn,
How few can find again the path,
When they would fain return.

UNRAVELING.—A man coming home late one night, a little more than "half seas over," feeling thirsty procured a glass of water and drank it. In doing so, he swallowed a small ball of silk that lay in the bottom of the tumbler, the end catching in his teeth. Feeling something began pulling at the end, and the little ball unrolling he soon had several feet in his hands, and still no end' apparently. Terrified, he shouted, at the tob of his voice: *Wife! wife! I say, wife! come here! I am unraveling*

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Know Thy Destiny,

MADAME E. F. THORNTON, the great English Astrologist, Clairvoyant and Psychometrician, who has astonished the scientific classes of the Old World, has now located herself at Hudson, N. Y. Madme Thornton possesses such wonderful powers of second sight, as to enable her to impart knowledge of, the greatest importence to the single or married of either sex. While in a state of trance she delineates the very features of the person you are to marry! and by the aid of an instrument of intense power known as the Psychomotrope, guarantees to produce a life-like picture of the future husband or wife of the applicant together with date of marriage, position in life, leading traits of character, &c. This is no humbug, as thousand of testimonials can assert. She will send when desired a certified certificate, or written guarantee, that the picture is what it purpots to be. By enclosing a small lock of hair and stating place of birth, age, disposition and complexion and enclosing fifty cents and stamped envelops addressed to yourself you will receive the picture and desired information by return mail. All communications sacredly confidential. Adress in confidence, MADAME E. F. THORNTON, P. O Box 223 Hudson, N. Y [no 38 1y s&co.

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MADAME REMINGTON, the world renowned Astrologist and Somnambulistics Clairvoyant while in a clairvoyant state, delineates the very features of the person you are to marry and by the aid of an instrument of intense power known as the Psychomotrope guarantees to produce a perfect and life like picture of the future husband or wife of the applicant, with date of marriage, occupation leading traits of character, &c. This is no imposition, as testimonials without number can assert. By stating place of birth age disposition color of eyes and hair, and enclosing fifty cents and stamped envelope addressed to yourself you will receive the picture by return mail together with desired information.

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☞ A YOUNG LADY returning to her country home after a sojourn in the City was hardly recognised by her friends. In place of a coarse rustic face she had a soft ruby complexion of almost marble smoothness and instead of twenty-three she really appeared but eighteen. Upon inquiry as to the causes of so great a change she plainly told them that she used the CIRCASSIAN BALM, and considered it an invaluable acquisition to any Ladys's toilet. By its use any Lady or Gentleman can improve their personal appearance an hundred fold. It is simple in its combination, as Nature herself is simple yet unsurpassed in its efficacy in drawing impurities from, also healing cleansing and beautifying the skin and complexion. By its direct action on the cuticle it draws from it all its impurities kindly healing the same and leaving the surface as Nature intended it should be, clear soft' smooth and beautiful. Price $1, sent by Mail or Express, on receipt of an order by W. L. CLARK & CO., Chemists, No. 3 West Fayette St. Syracuse, N. Y. no 38-1y-s&co

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THOSE Indebted to the late firm of SEAGLE & SEAGLE by note or account are requested to come forward and make settlement without delay with the Undersigned.

PHILLIP SEAGEL.
Surviving Partner.

dec' 9, no,-36.

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THE Subscriber begs leave to announce to the Citizens of Rutherfordton, and vicinity that he has again opened a

CABINET SHOP,

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FURNITURE

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Army Revolver,.....44-100 in. Calibre
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